



September 16, 2020

Dear Principals and Teachers:

I invite and encourage your students to participate in the 2020 City of Carmel's Veterans Day poster/essay contest. I believe that it will be a valuable learning experience for them and will enhance their understanding of the important role veterans have played in the preservation of our great nation.

We are having an essay contest for students at the middle level, and a poster contest for those in the elementary grades. The theme for both contests is **"Thank You for Always Being There."** Poster contest winners in grades K-5 will receive \$50 each and essay contest winners in grades 6-8 will receive \$100 each, courtesy of Indiana Members Credit Union. Please be sure to remind your students that they should focus on our veterans in addressing this theme. Keep in mind only **ONE** finalist must be chosen by the teacher from each class, team, or grade to be submitted for the contest. Please note the student finalist must be a Carmel resident.

Due to COVID, the winners from each contest will be recognized at our City of Carmel (Virtual) Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10th at noon online and on Carmel TV.

Contest guidelines and information are attached. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sondra Schwieterman at (317) 657-8263 or Sondra_Schwieterman@outlook.com.

Very truly yours,

Jim Brainard
Mayor

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